

## COLORADO CULTURE CHANGE ACCOUNTABILITY BOARD

### Minutes of meeting 18 October 2013

The meeting was held at the Colorado Veterans Nursing Home at Fitzsimons. It was called to order at 10:18 AM. Board members present were: Beth Irtz (Chair), Paul Phillips, Beverly Hirsekorn, Cindy Webb, Vanessa Carlson and Dace Cramer. Attending by telephone were Carolyn Mickey and Gary Pauli. Absent was Jo Tansey. Also attending were Anthony Satariano, Contracts Specialist, Contracts Performance Management Team, HCPF; and Penny Cook from the Colorado Culture Change Coalition which provides the Board administrative assistance.

Names in bold type indicate assignments.

Minutes for the September 2013 meeting were approved.

#### FIFTH CYCLE GRANTS.

Educational Event Proposal. This Board project will use some or all of the \$22,000 available from Fifth Cycle funds. Beth reported that she has yet to receive agreement from, Colorado Health Care Association (CHCA) and Leading Edge as to their willingness to proceed with this project to bring a one-day educational seminar for top management at nursing homes covering four areas throughout the State. She has gotten enthusiastic support from Arlene at CHCA. **BETH** will be in contact with the two organizations and expects by the end of this month to have agreement from the two agencies, perhaps with minor changes. Beth asked for and was granted Board approval to forward the application sponsored by the Board to HCPF, CDHPE, and CMS for approval.

The Board reviewed the first quarterly report from the three projects.

	<u>GRANTEE</u>	<u>SHORT TITLE</u>	<u>\$\$\$</u>	<u>LIAS ON</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
1	Arapahoe Community College	Scholarships for CNA's	\$21,800	Paul	Valerie Carter(303- 797-5962)
2	CO. VA Hospital, Walsenburg	Eden Education Growth	\$12,000	Cindy	Marty Schlink (719-738- 6197)
3	Life Quality Institute (LQI)	Life Quality Initiative	\$25,000	Beth	Jennifer Ballantine (303-398- 6317)

Paul reported that ACC has granted 10 of the 23 scholarships available for the class now in session and that the project is underway with graduation of the first class in December. The project should be completed on time and all of the money should be spent.

Cindy reported that the educational project at the VA Hospital in Walsenburg is on schedule and actually will be able to educate more people than originally planned due to lower costs per student. After discussion, the Board with Anthony's advice formally approved the broadened scope as to numbers trained without the necessity of altering the contract. Beth pointed out that about 2/3rds of the funds had been spent and questioned whether or not the remaining funds (about \$4000) would be adequate to train the balance planned. **CINDY** will contact the project manager to clarify the expenditures.

Beth reported that LQI was delayed in getting an education manager hired, but that the position is now filled and they will be able to make up the lost time in designing the palliative care curriculum. She is impressed with the project manager's enthusiasm and abilities.

**SIXTH CYCLE TIME LINE.** Beth reported and Penny confirmed that the invitation regarding Sixth Cycle projects has been widely advertised and Beth suggested that Jo repeat it on the CDPHE web. **Jo** will be asked to arrange this. Penny reported interest from organizations that have never submitted a project.

Paul went over the forthcoming steps in the process in which **PENNY** numbers and distributes applications as they come in, **BETH** assigns each to a **BOARD MEMBER** for detailed analysis (and to lead the discussion on that application at the 17 January meeting). **ALL BOARD MEMBERS** review **ALL** applications, score each one, and arrange all in order of merit. **PAUL** will provide a format for this before 6 December. **ALL BOARD MEMBERS:** (1) send completed form to Paul at [phillipspheeps@comcast.net](mailto:phillipspheeps@comcast.net) by 14 January and (2) bring the score sheets to the 17 January meeting for Beverly. ***(Please note that the 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle Time Line provides from 6 December until 14 January for individuals to review, score, and rank applications.)***

Paul explained a redesigned score sheet for Board members use in grading applications. Principal changes were to award fewer points to format and more to substance and to permit bonus points for exceptional projects and deductions for repetitious projects. The Board formally approved use of the new score sheet for the 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle.

**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE.** Penny reported that Zach Lynkiewicz has replied to the CCCC inquiry (See September minutes) and that HCPF will support annual grants for CCAB projects of \$250,000 so long as the amount remaining in the CMP fund remains above \$2 million; but if it falls below that amount, the amount for projects will remain as at present, i.e., 25% of funds

collected. The concern of HCPF is that CMP funds may be required for resident displacements caused by natural disasters. This is in part because of Medicaid rules regarding reimbursements to succoring nursing homes for those they take in from other homes. **PENNY** will contact CMS to determine whether or not that is an appropriate use of CMP funds and whether or not federal funds might be available to cover such displacements.

CCCC will propose a series of financial steps rather than the single one proposed by HCPF. Penny pointed out that time is getting short before the next legislative session.

**BOARD REPLACEMENT.** The Board discussed the replacement for Dana Solomon. The replacement must be one of the three required by statute to be closely connected to a nursing home. Two names were suggested by Cindy, both in Colorado Springs. **BETH** will send each a précis of Board purpose and member requirements. She will also inform HCPF of steps the Board is taking to recommend a replacement to the Governor's office.

**CCAB CHAIR.** After discussion during which Dace pointed out the need for the Chair to have intimate and current knowledge of the nursing home business, Beth agreed to continue as Chair and Dace agreed to consider relieving some of the burden of the chair especially during the beginning of each cycle by acting as alternate or co-chair. This issue will be revisited in future.

**NEXT MEETING:** By telephone at 11:00 on 15 November.  
The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 A.M.

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